

subsidiaries, affiliates, branch offices, officers, directors, trustees, board members, committee members, managers, agents, employees, volunteers, and/or representatives as a result of financial irregularities, suspicious activities, investigations into possible links to the financing of terrorist organizations, and/or the support of violence or jihad.

**ANSWER:**

55. Please provide all documents relating to any disciplinary action taken by You and/or the Charities, or any decision to terminate any relationship with any of the Charities' supporters, donors, suppliers, contributors, facilitators, speakers, foreign government supporters, business supporters, or banks as a result of financial irregularities, suspicious activities, investigations into possible links to the financing of terrorist organizations, and/or the support of violence or jihad.

**ANSWER:**

56. Please provide copies of all documents that have been seized by, or produced by You and/or the Charities to, any United States Investigator, any Foreign Investigator, or any KSA Investigator, which references or addresses the Charities' alleged support for, or connections to, alleged terrorist organizations, groups, individuals, or activities.

**ANSWER:**

57. Please provide all documents, statements, interviews, press releases, internal memos, or other materials relating to any accusation that the Charities, or any individual or entity employed by and/or associated with the Charities, was associated with or involved in any military or terrorist activity, plot or attack, indicating an intention to direct conduct against or target conduct toward the United States of America.

**ANSWER:**

58. Please provide all documents relating to any sanctions imposed upon the Charities by the United States, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, United Nations, or any other nation or international body.

**ANSWER:**

59. Please produce all documents relating to any meetings, conferences, or gatherings You attended during Your tenure with the Charities relating to any accusation that the Charities, or any individual or entity employed by and/or associated with the Charities, was misusing or misappropriating funds, engaging in criminal, corrupt, deviant, or extremist activities, sponsoring terrorist activities, and/or providing material support or resources to Osama bin Laden, al Qaeda and/or affiliated terrorist organizations. Responsive documents shall include, but are not limited to, any materials relating to meetings with representatives of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, the Saudi royal family, the Charities, and/or representatives from other foreign countries or international bodies.

**ANSWER:**

60. Please provide all documents relating to the MWL's secret office (Al Maktab Al Siri).

**ANSWER:**

61. Please provide all documents relating to the MWL's special or private office (Al Maktab Al Khass).

**ANSWER:**

62. Please provide all documents relating to any investigation or inquiry conducted by any United States Investigator, any Foreign Investigator, or any KSA Investigator, relating to You.

**ANSWER:**

63. Please provide copies of all documents that have been seized by, or produced by You to, any United States Investigator, any Foreign Investigator, or any KSA Investigator, concerning any investigation or inquiry relating to You.

**ANSWER:**

64. Please provide all documents relating to any sanctions imposed upon You by the United States, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, United Nations, or any other nation or international body.

**ANSWER:**

65. Please provide all documents governing, describing, detailing, or otherwise relating to the relationship between the Charities and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, including without limitation, the following agencies of the KSA: the Supreme Council for Islamic Affairs; the Ministry of Islamic Affairs, Endowments, Da'wah and Guidance; the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Endowments, Da'wah and Guidance; the Ministry of Defense and Aviation, Endowments, Da'wah and Guidance; the Majlis al Shura (a/k/a the Shura Council); the Ministry of Education; and any embassy or consulate of the KSA, including the Islamic Affairs Division of the embassy or consulate.

**ANSWER:**

66. Please provide all documents the Charities sent to, and/or received from, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, including without limitation, the following agencies of the KSA: the Supreme Council for Islamic Affairs; the Ministry of Islamic Affairs, Endowments, Da'wah and Guidance; the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Endowments, Da'wah and Guidance; the Ministry of Defense and Aviation, Endowments, Da'wah and Guidance; the Majlis al Shura (a/k/a the Shura Council); the Ministry of Education; and any embassy or consulate of the KSA, including the Islamic Affairs Division of the embassy or consulate.

**ANSWER:**

67. Please provide all documents governing, describing, detailing, or otherwise relating to the Charities' role in spreading, propagating, or proselytizing Islam outside of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, including without limitation any long term strategy, studies, or papers.

**ANSWER:**

68. Please provide all documents governing, describing, detailing, or otherwise relating to the Charities' role in advancing the foreign policy objectives of the KSA.

**ANSWER:**

69. Please provide all documents relating to all accounts in any United States, Saudi Arabian, or foreign banking or financial institution the Charities currently hold, or have held, jointly with the KSA, any members of the Saudi royal family, or any Saudi official acting on behalf of the KSA ("KSA Joint Bank Accounts"), and/or any KSA Joint Bank Accounts over which You currently hold or have held signatory authority.

**ANSWER:**

70. Please provide all documents relating to the role of the KSA and/or members of the Saudi royal family, in the creation, organization, funding, oversight, supervision, operation, and/or management of the Charities (including any subsidiary, affiliate, or branch office).

**ANSWER:**

71. Please provide all documents relating to the Charities' initial capitalization and any subsequent funding provided by the KSA, members of the Saudi royal family, and/or any other individuals or entities.

**ANSWER:**

72. Please provide all documents defining, establishing, or relating to the Charities' privileges, obligations, activities, and/or rights under the laws of the KSA.

**ANSWER:**

73. Please provide all documents relating to any and all laws, statutes, regulations, ordinances, royal decrees, or directives issued by the KSA relating to the Charities, including but not limited to, documents relating to the organization, funding, oversight, supervision, management, and/or control over the Charities' operations, appointment and termination of personnel, accounting, banking and financial transactions, fundraising, determination of which charitable designees should receive support, and/or actual distribution of financial and non-monetary support to charitable designees.

**ANSWER:**

74. Please provide all documents relating to any fundraising events and/or conferences that were held for the benefit of the Charities and were promoted, sponsored, organized, funded, managed, attended, or supervised by the KSA, any member of the Saudi family, and/or any Saudi official acting on behalf of the KSA. Responsive documents shall include, but are not limited to, correspondence, meeting minutes, notes, conference materials, educational materials, organizational diagrams and charts, manuals, e-mails, and web-based messages.

**ANSWER:**

75. Please provide all documents relating to any meeting between officers or representatives of the Charities and any official or agency of the KSA, including without limitation, all meetings attended by representatives of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, members of the Saudi royal family, and/or representatives or special advisors from the King's chambers.

**ANSWER:**

76. Please provide all documents authored, published, or disseminated by You during Your tenure as an official representative of the Charities and/or Saudi Arabian government, relating to the conflicts, crises, or conditions facing Muslim communities in Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Chechnya, Egypt, Ethiopia, Europe, Indonesia,

Kashmir, Kenya, Kosovo, Malaysia, Pakistan, Palestine, the Philippines, Russia, Sudan, Somalia, Tanzania, Turkey, and Yemen. Responsive documents shall include, but are not limited to, copies of all interviews, statements, or speeches by You relating to same.

**ANSWER:**

77. Please provide all documents relating to fundraising activities conducted by You during Your tenure as an official representative of the Charities and/or Saudi Arabian government, in relation to relief or humanitarian efforts, or other operations, in Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Chechnya, Egypt, Ethiopia, Europe, Indonesia, Kashmir, Kenya, Kosovo, Malaysia, Pakistan, Palestine, the Philippines, Russia, Sudan, Somalia, Tanzania, Turkey, and Yemen.

**ANSWER:**

78. Please provide all documents authored, published, or disseminated by You during Your tenure as an official representative of the Charities and/or Saudi Arabian government, discussing the legitimacy of any armed jihad or resistance by Muslims in Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Chechnya, Egypt, Ethiopia, Europe, Indonesia, Kashmir, Kenya, Kosovo, Malaysia, Pakistan, Palestine, the Philippines, Russia, Sudan, Somalia, Tanzania, Turkey, and Yemen. Responsive documents shall include, but are not limited to, copies of all interviews, statements, or speeches by You relating to same.

**ANSWER:**



79. Please provide all documents authored, published, or disseminated by You during Your tenure as an official representative of the Charities and/or Saudi Arabian government, discussing the provision of support to mujahideen forces in any part of the World. For purposes of this request, the term “support” includes any form of financial, medical, logistical, administrative, religious, political or any other form of assistance, whether provided directly or indirectly. Responsive documents shall include, but are not limited to, copies of all interviews, statements, or speeches by You relating to same.

**ANSWER:**

80. Please provide all documents authored, published, or disseminated by You during Your tenure as an official representative of the Charities and/or Saudi Arabian government, discussing the provision of support to any armed jihad in any part of the World, regardless of whether such jihad was declared legitimate by competent religious authorities. For purposes of this request, the term “support” includes any form of financial, medical, logistical, administrative, religious, political or any other form of assistance, whether provided directly or indirectly. Responsive documents shall include, but are not limited to, copies of all interviews, statements, or speeches by You relating to same.

**ANSWER:**

81. Please provide all documents authored, published, or disseminated by You during Your tenure as an official representative of the Charities and/or Saudi Arabian government,

which mention “jihad” (جهاد) (see Definition No. 26). Responsive documents shall include, but are not limited to, copies of all interviews, statements, or speeches by You relating to same.

**ANSWER:**

82. Please provide all documents relating to any business, employment, financial, charitable, religious, or other relationship between You and/or the Charities and Osama Bin Laden (including any member of the Bin Laden family).

**ANSWER:**

83. Please provide all documents You and/or the Charities sent to and/or received from Osama Bin Laden or any member of the Bin Laden family, including without limitation, all documents relating to the transfer of funds between You and/or the Charities and Osama Bin Laden, and/or any member of the Bin Laden family.

**ANSWER:**

84. Please provide all documents relating to al Qaeda.

**ANSWER:**

85. Please provide all documents relating to any business, employment, financial, charitable, religious, or other relationship between You and/or the Charities and al Qaeda, or any member of al Qaeda.

**ANSWER:**

86. Please provide all documents illustrating, describing, or otherwise relating to al Qaeda's formation and organizational structure, the duration of al Qaeda's existence, any documents relating to al Qaeda's initial capitalization and subsequent funding, any documents relating to the duties and powers of any al Qaeda boards and/or committees, and/or any other writing relating to the creation or purpose of al Qaeda.

**ANSWER:**

87. Please provide all documents relating to the establishment, duties, obligations, objectives, membership, composition and/or authority of any committees, boards and/or internal bodies of al Qaeda, including without limitation, al Qaeda's Majlis al Shura ("consultation council"), military committee, and fatwah committee.

**ANSWER:**

88. Please provide all documents identifying each member, officer, board member, and/or committee member of al Qaeda, including without limitation, any and all documents relating to their appointment, resignation, and/or termination.

**ANSWER:**

89. Please provide all documents relating to any meetings of members, officers, boards, committees, and/or internal bodies of al Qaeda, including without limitation, any agendas or meeting minutes.

**ANSWER:**

90. Please provide all documents relating to any meeting, conference, or gathering that You attended at which any of the persons identified in Attachment A were present.

**ANSWER:**

91. Please provide all documents governing, describing, detailing, or otherwise relating to any relationship between You and/or the Charities and the persons and/or entities identified in Attachment A.

**ANSWER:**

92. Please provide all documents You and/or the Charities sent to, and/or received from, the persons and/or entities identified in Attachment A, including without limitation, all documents relating to the transfer of funds between You and/or the Charities and those persons and/or entities.

**ANSWER:**

93. From the period beginning January 1, 1988 through 1997, please provide all documents relating to any trips you took to Sudan.

**ANSWER:**

94. From the period beginning January 1, 1988 through 2002, please provide all documents relating to any trips you took to Afghanistan.

**ANSWER:**

95. Please provide all documents relating to any business, employment, financial, charitable, religious, or other relationship between You and/or the Charities and Mohammed Jamal Khalifa (a/k/a Abu Bara). Responsive documents shall include, but are not limited to, Khalifa's personnel or employment files.

**ANSWER:**

96. Please provide all documents relating to any business, employment, financial, charitable, religious, or other relationship between You and/or the Charities and Wa'el Hamza Jelaidan (a/k/a Abu Hasan al Madani). Responsive documents shall include, but are not limited to, Jelaidan's personnel or employment files.

**ANSWER:**

97. Please provide all documents You and/or the Charities sent to, and/or received from, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and/or any third party, relating to any accusation that Khalifa or Jelaidan, including any individual or entity affiliated with those individuals, were associated with or involved in any criminal, corrupt, deviant, or extremist activity, including without limitation, any terrorist or radical religious, political or social activities.

**ANSWER:**

98. Please provide all documents relating to any internal investigation conducted by You and/or the Charities relating to any accusation that Khalifa or Jelaidan, including any individual or entity affiliated with those individuals, were associated with or involved in any criminal, corrupt, deviant, or extremist activity, including without limitation, any terrorist or radical religious, political, or social activities.

**ANSWER:**

99. Please provide all documents relating to any disciplinary action taken, or any decision to terminate any relationship with Khalifa or Jelaidan, including any individual or entity affiliated with those individuals, as a result of financial irregularities, suspicious activities, investigations into possible links to the financing of terrorist organizations, and/or the support of violence or jihad.

**ANSWER:**

100. Please provide all documents relating to any business, employment, financial, charitable, religious, or other relationship between You and/or the Charities and any of the Golden Chain-Related Individuals, and/or any individual or entity associated therewith.

**ANSWER:**

101. Please provide all documents You and/or the Charities sent to, and/or received from, any of the Golden Chain-Related-Individuals, including without limitation, all documents relating to the transfer of funds between You and/or the Charities and the any of the Golden Chain-Related-Individuals, and/or any individual or entity associated therewith.

**ANSWER:**

102. Please provide all documents relating to any accounts in any banking or financial institution You hold or held jointly with, or on behalf of any of the Golden Chain-Related-Individuals, and/or any individual or entity associated therewith, including any accounts over which You hold or have held signatory authority.

**ANSWER:**

103. Please provide all documents relating to any accounts in any banking or financial institution any of the Golden Chain-Related-Individuals, and/or any individual or entity associated therewith, hold or held jointly with, or on behalf of the Charities, including any

accounts over which the Golden Chain-Related-Individuals hold or have held signatory authority.

**ANSWER:**

104. Please provide all documents relating to any investigations or inquiries conducted by any United States Investigator, Foreign Investigator, or KSA Investigator, into financial transactions linked to accounts held solely or jointly by any of the Golden Chain-Related-Individuals, and/or any individual or entity associated therewith.

**ANSWER:**

105. Please provide all documents relating to any decision to terminate any relationship with any of the Golden Chain-Related-Individuals, and/or any individual or entity associated therewith, as a result of financial irregularities, suspicious activities, investigations into possible links to the financing of terrorist organizations, and/or the support of violence or jihad.

**ANSWER:**

106. Please provide all documents governing, describing, detailing, or otherwise relating to any relationship between You and/or the Charities and the persons and/or entities identified in Attachment B.

**ANSWER:**



107. Please provide all documents You and/or the Charities sent to, and/or received from, the persons and/or entities identified in Attachment B, including without limitation, all documents relating to the transfer of funds between You and/or the Charities and/those persons and/or entities.

**ANSWER:**

108. Please provide all documents governing, describing, detailing, or otherwise relating to any relationship between You and/or the Charities and the persons identified in Attachment C ("Guantanamo Bay Detainees"). Responsive documents shall include, but are not limited to, their personnel or employment files.

**ANSWER:**

109. Please provide all documents relating to any meetings, interviews, or dialogue You and/or the Charities have had with any individual held at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, including without limitation, the persons identified in Attachment C ("Guantanamo Bay Detainees").

**ANSWER:**

110. Please provide all documents relating to any understanding or agreement with any defendant named in the consolidated civil action, 03 MDL 1570, whereby You have agreed to

pay, indemnify, or reimburse any of their costs associated with defending this lawsuit, including legal fees and/or payments to satisfy part or all of a judgment that may be entered in this action against such defendant. Responsive documents shall include, but are not limited to, contracts, agreements, insurance policies, term sheets, or other records.

**ANSWER:**

111. Please provide all documents relating to any understanding or agreement between You and any individual, entity, and/or government, whereby such party has agreed to pay, indemnify, or reimburse You for any of the costs associated with defending this lawsuit, including legal fees and/or payments to satisfy part or all of a judgment that may be entered in this action against You. Responsive documents shall include, but are not limited to, contracts, agreements, insurance policies, term sheets, or other records.

**ANSWER:**

Dated: August 22, 2013

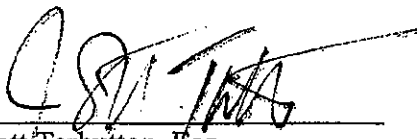
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THE MDL 1570 PLAINTIFFS'  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a true copy of the Plaintiffs' First Set of Jurisdictional Requests for Production of Documents Directed to Adnan Basha was served via electronic mail and U.S. first-class mail, postage prepaid, this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of August 2013, upon:

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**ATTACHMENT A**

Abdullah Ahmed Abdullah (a/k/a Abu Mohamed al Masry)  
Abdullah Azzam  
Abu al Hasan al Maki  
Abu Anees (a/k/a Abu Anis; a/k/a Abu Anas; a/k/a Abu Enes; a/k/a Abdelaziz Zaher)  
Abu Ayoub  
Abu Burnhan  
Abu Hajir (a/k/a Abu Hajer)  
Abu Hamam al Saudi  
Abu Ibrahim  
Abu Ubaidah al Bانشري  
Abu Zubaydah  
Adel Batterjee  
Adel Farhat  
Ahmed Saeed Khidir  
Al Gama'a al Islamiyya (a/k/a "The Islamic Group")  
Al Masadah (a/k/a the "Lion's Den")  
Ali Mohamed  
Bait-ul-Ansar (a/k/a the "Mujahadeen Services Bureau" or "House of Helpers")  
Dhiaul Haq  
Dr. Ayman Al Zawahiri  
Egyptian Islamic Jihad  
Enaam Arnaout (a/k/a Abu Mahmoud al Suri)  
Human Concern International  
Jamal al Fadl  
Khalid Sheikh Mohamed  
Lajnat al Bir al Islamiyah  
Lajnat al Dawa al Islamiyah  
Madani al Tayyib  
Maktab al Khidmat (a/k/a the "Office of Services")  
Mahmoud Mehdi  
Mamdouth Mahmud Salim (a/k/a Abu Hajer)  
Mercy International  
Mohammed Jamal Khalifa  
Mohammed Atef  
Mohammed Loay Bayazid (a/k/a Abu Rida al Suri; a/k/a Nidal)  
Mohammed Suleiman al Nalfi  
Muhsin Musa Matwalli Atwah (a/k/a Abdel Rahman al Muhajer)  
Nasser Ahmed Bahri  
Osama Bin Laden (a/k/a Abu Abdallah)  
Ramzi Yousef  
Saif al Adel  
Sheikh Abdel Majeed Zindani  
Sheikh Abdullah Azzam

Sheikh Tameem  
Wadih Elias El Hage  
Wael Jelaidan (a/k/a Abu al Hassan al Madani)  
Wali Khan Amin Shah  
Yusif Hamdan  
Zahid Sheikh Mohamed

**ATTACHMENT B**

Abd al Hamid Sulaiman al Mujil  
Abdullah Kamil Abdullah Hashaikah  
Abdurajak Abubakar Janjalani  
Abu Musab al Djazairi (a/k/a Djamel Lamrani)  
Abu Oua'il  
Abu Sayyaf Group  
Adel Muhammad Said bin Kazam (a/k/a Adel Muhammad Sadiq bin Kazem)  
Al Haramain Islamic Foundation  
Al Haramain Al Masjed al Aqsa Charity Foundation  
Benevolence International Foundation  
Dar al Imam al Shafi'i  
Egyptian Islamic Jihad  
Hassan A. A. Bahafzallah  
Hassan A. al Ahdal  
H.E. Sheikh Mustafa Bin Muhammad Irdis  
Hossam Meawad Mohammad Ali  
Ihab Ali  
International Islamic Charitable Organization  
Jamal al Jibouri  
Jemaah Islamiyah  
Liberation of the Islamic Min Sufala Islands  
Mahmoud Jaballah  
Mohamed Abdul Yamani  
Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF)  
Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF)  
Muhammad Habib Sultan  
Muhammad Sa'd Darwich al Shazy  
Muwafaq Foundation  
Noor Umog  
Randall Todd Royer (a/k/a Ismail Royer)  
Salih al Saqri  
Saudi High Commission  
Saudi Joint Relief Committee for Kosovo and Chechnya  
Saudi Red Crescent  
Sayed Abu Nesir  
Sheikh Ahmed al Gamdin  
Sheikh Saleh Kamel  
Soliman Biheiri  
Sulaiman al Ali  
The Taliban  
Third World Relief Agency  
World Assembly of Muslim Youth  
Yassin Abdullah al Kadi

**ATTACHMENT C**

Abdallah Ibrahim al Rushaydan  
Abdel Hadi Mohamed Badan al Sebail Sebail  
Abdul Latif Elbanna  
Abdul Rahman Oawid Mohammad al Juaid  
Ahmed Hassan Jamil Suleyman  
Fahd Muhammed Abdullah al Fouzan  
Ghanim Abd al Rahman Ghanim al Huwaymadi al Harbi  
Jamal Muhammad Alawi Mari  
Khalid Mahomoud Abdul Wahab al Asmr  
Rashed Awad Khalaf Balkhair  
Rashid Abd al Muslih Qaid al Qaid  
Said Muhammad Husayn Qahtani  
Sami al Haj  
Samir N. al Hassan  
Tariq Mahmoud Ahmed al Sawah  
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for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d).

¶1. (S/NF) SUMMARY: In a meeting at the headquarters of the International Islamic Relief Organization (IIRO) on September 18, Secretary-General Dr. Adnan Khalil Basha told PolOffs that IIRO headquarters in Jeddah has administrative and budgetary control of all 28 country branches and receives no funding from the SAG, depending instead on donor contributions. Funding is primarily limited to Saudi Arabia. Dr. Adnan admitted to IIRO's inability to control potential extremist lecturers at youth summer camps and said negative public opinion of IIRO and its activities is a pervasive problem. Dr. Adnan, who appeared to speak openly and sincerely about the organization, focused his discussions on IIRO's relief efforts, never addressing allegations of terrorist financing or the recent 1267 designation of the head of IIRO's Eastern Province branch (reftels). END SUMMARY.

## Current Operations of IIRO

¶2. (C) IIRO began in 1978 as a non-governmental relief organization working in poor, Islamic countries providing humanitarian assistance, funding mosques and orphanages. IIRO is a centralized organization that is headquartered in Jeddah. All 28 country branches report directly to the Jeddah office. According to Dr. Adnan, headquarters (HQ) controls all budgets, programs, and personnel in countries of operation -- even data entry of individual orphans is done at the HQ level.

¶3. (C) Dr. Adnan stated that IIRO depends entirely on donations to support its personnel and programs, receiving no funding from the SAG. It has 13 offices in Saudi Arabia that are used for fundraising purposes only. This funding is used to support the approximately 200 Saudi staff, as well as approximately 3,000 international staff. Dr. Adnan said that, in some countries, IIRO partners with other non-governmental organizations (NGO), local mosques, and UN agencies, such as UNICEF, UNHCR, and WFP, for logistical and programmatic support. IIRO's programs include disaster relief, humanitarian assistance, health care, literacy projects, scholarships, psychological counseling to trauma victims, Islamic studies, and vocational training.

¶4. (C) Although IIRO claims to be a generic relief organization, over 50 percent of its programming is dedicated to orphans and orphanages. The Head of the

Orphanage Department at IIRO told PolOffs that IIRO currently supports 55,000 individual orphans, mostly through monthly payments, and said there are 92,000 more on a waiting list. IIRO supports 13,000 orphans in Jordan, the largest beneficiary of its orphan support program in the world. (NOTE: IIRO defines orphan as a child under the age of 18 who has lost one or both parents. END NOTE.) Donors, almost entirely from Saudi Arabia, sponsor individual orphans and receive updates every four months -- complete with the orphan's photo, letter, and the child's school record.

¶5. (C) IIRO began programming in Saudi Arabia in 1998. It currently supports 7,000 orphans throughout the Kingdom with both Saudi and non-Saudi citizenship. The organization also supports well water projects in rural areas, as well as other similar development projects. It provides secondary school and university scholarships to male and female youth who are children of prisoners and of HIV/AIDS patients. The scholarships are generally given for private school tuition and include a wide range of subjects in addition to Islamic studies and Arabic language programs. One year ago, IIRO began working with AIDS patients at King Saud Hospital. Since then, IIRO has issued the previously noted scholarships, paid for medical care, provided financial assistance to the families, and paid for several patients to participate in the annual Hajj pilgrimage to Mecca. When asked by PolOff about the draft bill being debated in the Shoura Council regarding privacy for AIDS patients, Dr. Adnan agreed that it is needed because Saudi society tends to stigmatize AIDS victims. He commented that those with "the curse" are in need of assistance from the Saudi community at large. (NOTE: In order to protect AIDS patients' privacy, IIRO identifies its beneficiaries by assigned numbers only. END NOTE.)

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#### ----- Obstacles Facing IIRO -----

¶6. (C) Fundraising is done almost entirely in Saudi Arabia through IIRO's 13 branch offices. The two most popular programs are the construction of mosques in memory of a relative, which costs 30,000 Saudi Riyals (approximately USD 8,000), and "adopting" an orphan, which generally costs 100 Saudi Riyals monthly (approximately USD 27). However, Dr. Adnan commented that illiteracy and lack of adequate health care are much more pressing concerns. He stated that Muslims can pray anywhere and do not need a mosque to do so -- feeding a family, he emphasized, is far more important than building a mosque. He said that IIRO has trouble raising adequate funds because it is difficult to convince the Saudi public that there are pressing needs in this country too. Additionally, when IIRO tries to partner with local organizations abroad, they often scoff at the idea of assisting a Saudi organization financially, because of the assumption of a large base of wealthy donors.

¶7. (C) Negative public relations is also a pervasive problem for IIRO. When questioned about IIRO's work with youth in Saudi Arabia, Dr. Adnan talked about summer camps. He said that the negative media reaction stemming from extremist lectures, such as Sheikh al-Break's lecture this summer, is unfortunate, but that no one can "guarantee 100 percent of the time" that no extremists will enter the camps and attempt to pass their ideologies on to the youth. He added that provisions are made to ensure that IIRO's summer camps are not subject to such lectures, stating that the local municipalities and the Ministry of Islamic Affairs vet both the programs and the lecturers for all of IIRO's summer camps inside Saudi Arabia (NOTE: Dr. Adnan said that there was no such vetting process occurring in summer camps outside of Saudi Arabia. END NOTE).

#### ----- Projections for IIRO's Future -----

¶8. (C) Dr. Adnan suggested that, in ten years, IIRO will most likely be operating in as many, if not more, locations as it does now because of the rapidly increasing populations in Islamic countries. He commented that government corruption in many of these countries, along with a lack of preparedness for this rapid population growth, will likely ensure the need for increased humanitarian assistance in the future. Dr. Adnan also predicted that IIRO's work in Saudi Arabia would continue to expand over the course of the next decade. In addition to population growth, he cited poor health (specifically regarding HIV/AIDS and diabetes), lack

of democracy, and increasing numbers of prisoners as reasons for the need to provide continued assistance to Saudi Arabia's poorer communities.

\*9. (C) BIO NOTE: Dr. Adnan spoke excellent English with a slight Arabic accent, but did not indicate where he learned English. He is married and has one son and two daughters. His son is a pediatric doctor in Canada. His middle child is a dentist in Jeddah, and his youngest daughter is a nutrition student at King Abdul Aziz University. Dr. Adnan has been working as the Secretary-General for IIRO for ten years. He said he plans to retire from IIRO next year. Prior to joining IIRO he worked for the Muslim World League as Assistant Secretary-General for Education and Culture for 20 years. END BIO NOTE.

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\*10. (S/NF) Although Poloffs were initially greeted with video cameras and tape recorders, this ritual "dog and pony show" almost immediately ceased and a 'normalized' dialogue ensued. Dr. Adnan shared information about the seemingly secular, humanitarian programs of IIRO openly and without making any mention of the recent UN 1267 designation of the director of the Eastern Province branch (reftels).

\*11. (S/NF) At no time was there an discussion about how IIRO sends funds to war-torn countries such as Somalia, where IIRO admittedly does significant programming, or how the funds are monitored to ensure that they are used for food, clothing, education, or shelter and not diverted to other activities. Additionally, Dr. Adnan did not mention

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youth activities, such as summer camps in Saudi Arabia or abroad, until directly questioned.

\*12. (S/NF) IIRO is clearly doing some much-needed charitable work. However, the increased focus on its reform-minded programming, such as AIDS and breast cancer awareness programs, could well be driven by IIRO's need to gain public and private support in the wake of ongoing investigations and the recent 1267 designation of the director of the Eastern Province branch. It seems highly unlikely that its efforts reflect any positive ideological shift. Oddly, the Secretary-General does not believe that his organization should be held responsible for lectures given at its own summer camps. Moreover, it is clear that the IIRO's charitable work is conducted with the intent of spreading its extremely conservative Islamic values. END COMMENT.

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